

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it would be justified. The public should hold us up to scorn because we will have played into the hands of a private operation. Even the insurance companies are entitled to be treated fairly, even the insurance companies. And I think they're about a quarter of a fingernail from being outlaws, they are about that far within the law. So they're not my favorites. What is being done here is to win a lawsuit against the insurance companies. That's what's being asked to be done here. The Legislature has to act, or failure to do so, once it's brought to us, will ratify the illegal action of this rouge agency. So I think what we ought to be concentrating on is voiding that contract. But because this amendment is to be a starting point, I'll support the amendment, and I'll support advancing the bill, but we have additional work to do in my opinion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I support the compromise amendment of Senator Hillman and Senator Bromm. And, as Senator Chambers said, I will be supporting the advancement then of the bill. And hopefully we are getting close to the point where we can be able to do that for the evening. One thing that I do want to do is make note of one of the handouts that I gave you. This one is one that looks like a chart, and on the top it says, "Legislature's Internet Installation". In looking at this issue two things can scare people away; one is cost, and the other is capability. I submit to you that I think if it were a policy decision that the Legislature chose to do that we could implement our own electronic access with our own inhouse people and at an affordable cost. I submit to you this piece of documentation to show where that could be done. This is a list of the cost of hardware and software for what we have now as our web site on the Internet. Originally, the proposal...the fiscal note was far higher than this, but it's to the diligence, the capability and the credit of our own Computer Services that, as you can see, this services has only cost us \$25,290.47. That amount of money is minuscule, that has been all of the cost to set up the program and an additional \$5,500 a year for the communications line is what it's costing. Considering in the fiscal note, which I think is very conservative, that it states the mainframe